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FOR THE SECRETARY FROM AMBASSADOR

E. O. 11652: GDS

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SUBJECT: INTELLECTUALS VISIT

REF STATE 275290

1. I RAISED WITH FAHMY TODAY THE POSSIBLE VISIT OF THE THREE PROMINENT JEWISH INTELLECTUALS MENTIONED REFTEL AND ASKED FOR HIS COUNSEL AS TO PRECISE TIMING AND PROCEDURES FOR SUCH A VISIT IF HE STILL AGREED IT WOULD BE USEFUL. I GAVE HIM FULL BACKGROUND AND NAMES OF PERSONS INVOLVED AS SET FORTH REFTEL.

2. FAHMY RECALLED RATHER VAGUELY HIS DISCUSSION WITH YOU ON THE SUBJECT. HE RESPONDED THAT, IN HIS VIEW, IT WOULD BE BETTER TO WAIT UNTIL FEBRUARY FOR SUCH A VISIT OR VISITS. BETWEEN NOW AND MID-JANUARY, SADAT'S SCHEDULE IS VERY FULL BECAUSE OF VISITING HEADS OF STATE AND OTHER VIPS. THIS WILL EASE IN FEBRUARY AND, IN ANY CASE, BY THAT TIME IMPLEMENTATION OF DISENGAGEMENT AGREEMENT WILL BE VIRTUALLY COMPLETE.

3. WE COULD THEN DECIDE IF THE THREE INTELLECTUALS SHOULD COME TOGETHER OR SINGLY. HIS PERSONAL PREFERENCE IS FOR INDIVIDUAL VISITS, BUT HE PROFESSED TO HAVE AN OPEN MIND ON THE SUBJECT. AT HIS REQUEST, I

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GAVE HIM THE NAMES OF THE THREE PERSONS. HE ASKED THAT

I AGAIN RAISE THE SUBJECT WITH HIM IN LATE FEBRUARY.

4. COMMENT: I HAVE THE IMPRESSION THAT FAHMY WOULD RECONSIDER IF YOU FEEL STRONGLY THAT AN EARLIER VISIT IS DESIRABLE, BUT IT WAS CLEAR THERE IS SOME SENSITIVITY ON THE SUBJECT AND THAT HE WOULD PREFER THAT SUCH VISIT(S) BE DEFERRED UNTIL FEBRUARY. SADAT'S SCHEDULE FOR THE NEXT TWO MONTHS IS IN FACT RATHER PACKED. PLEASE LET ME KNOW YOUR WISHES.
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